

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 20, line 6 with the following:

To load the filter wire assembly 10 into the filter delivery device 43, the operator inserts the proximal end 14 of elongated wire 11 into first port 50, and advances the elongated wire 11 through first lumen 49 until the proximal end 14 of elongated wire 11 exits the first exit port 52, as shown in FIG. 16. To collapse the embolic protection filter 12 into the distal sheath 47, the operator continues to feed the elongated wire 11 proximally through the first lumen 49 until the embolic protection filter 12 and a portion of the guide tip 13 are loaded into the distal sheath 47, as shown in FIG. 17. Once the embolic protection filter 12 and guide tip 13 are collapsed and loaded at least in part into the distal sheath 47, the operator may, if necessary, align the guidewire lumen 27 of guide tip 13 concentrically with the second lumen 53 of the filter delivery device 43 such that a portion of the guidewire within the second lumen is generally coplanar with a portion of the guidewire within the guidewire lumen of the guide tip.